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To: Region 3 ExCom

Fr: Gregg Vaughn, Region 3 Secretary

Re: Conference Committee Report

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The R3 conference committee would like to propose a motion to accept the IEEE Hampton Roads Section bid to host 2016 SoutheastCon in Norfolk, VA.

The IEEE Hampton Roads Section proposes to hold the IEEE SoutheastCon 2016 at the Marriott Norfolk Waterside from March 30 – April 3, 2016. These dates do not conflict with any known local or national holidays or events.

Old Dominion University has graciously offered to chair the Technical Committee and the Student Conference. Christopher Newport University, Hampton University, and Norfolk State University are also very active in the Section and we expect that they will help provide volunteers to support the Student Conference.

The next SoutheastCon will be April 9-12, 2015 in Fort Lauderdale, FL at the Hilton Fort Lauderdale Marina hotel. It is sponsored by the Broward Section. Please contact Eric Ackerman for details.

Sections Congress 2014 (SC14) is in Amsterdam, Netherlands, at the Rai Convention Center, from 22 to 24 August 2014. All Region 3 sections should be planning to send at least one delegate (your Primary Section Delegate). Region 3 Committee members should also plan to attend as there will a Region 3 Committee meeting on the Thursday afternoon and Friday morning prior to SC14. Please contact Chris Hardy for details

The conference committee is reviewing the XCD conference registration software used to run SoutheastCon. Registration issues seen at recent SoutheastCon conferences are specifically being addressed with the manufacturer of XCD. The biggest issues with the paper system in 2014 were in integration with the IEEE plagiarism checker and copyright system. Because the registration process for 2015 needs to happen soon, we recommend staying with XCD in Fort Lauderdale. Additional reports and updates to follow.

Your conference committee is also working on the following items:

- * Working with local sections to create proposals for the 2017 and 2018 SoutheastCon

conferences.

- *Closing the books on previous SoutheastCon conferences.
- *Continuing to develop Region 3 conference guidelines to help organize and run successful conferences within the region.
- *Update list of other IEEE society and technical conferences held within Region 3. Make list readily available on Region website.
- *Working with the SC14 coordinator to ensure region 3 members have a successful Sections Congress in Amsterdam.

Your 2014 Conference Committee members include:

Chair - Chris Hardy
Mentor – Jim Conrad
Past Chair – Sean Haynes
Senior Representative – Jim Howard
Regional Student Activities – Pat Donohoe
Senior Representative Sub-Committee – Jim Howard
Southeastcon 2015 Sub-Committee – Eric Ackerman
Southeastcon 2014 Sub-Committee – Don Hill
Southeastcon 2013 Sub-Committee – Butch Shadwell
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Respectfully submitted,
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